March 26, 1974

Ms. Dixy Lee Ray
Chairman, United States Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Ms. Ray: Re: Final Environmental Statement prepared by the Tennessee Valley Authority for the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos. 50-327 and 50-328

As you know, the Tennessee Valley Authority did such a sorry job of preparing environmental statements for the Brown's Ferry Nuclear Plant, the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant and the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, that the Atomic Energy Commission very wisely decided to do its own environmental statements on future TVA nuclear plants, beginning with the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant.

Furthermore, as your own attorneys will tell you, if you ask them, the Atomic Energy Commission was violating the law by not doing its own environmental statements on Brown's Ferry, Sequoyah and Watts Bar. You can further confirm that TVA is still doing its same sorry job in preparing environmental reports. As a basis for this, I suggest that you request a copy of the letter of Wm. H. Regan, Jr., Chief Environmental Projects Branch 4, Directorate of Licensing, United States Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. 20545, May 15, 1973, and the responses thereto, including the response from Robert L. Thorsen, Cost-Benefit Analysis Branch, Directorate of Licensing, and the response thereto from Harold R. Denton, Assistant Director for Site Safety, Directorate of Licensing, and the response thereto from Philip F. Gustafson, Manager, Environmental Statement Project. If you do so, you will learn that your own environmental experts regarded the TVA environmental report on Bellefonte as inadequate.

Contrary to law, the A E C announced last week that it would take the necessary steps to give the T V A an operating permit for its Sequoyah Atomic Electric Generating Plant without doing the independent environmental impact statement required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

I am requesting Judge Russell E. Train, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, by copy of this letter to investigate your conduct in this connection. I urge you to take the necessary steps to do an environmental impact statement as required by law so that further action on my part will not be necessary.

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Very truly yours,

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March 15, 1974

Honorable Milo Howard, Director
Department of Archieves and History
Montgomery, Alabama

In the Matter of
Tennessee Valley Authority
(Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2)
Docket Nos. 50-438 and 50-439

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a draft environmental statement relating to the proposed Bellefonte nuclear plant to be located on the Tennessee River in Jackson County, Alabama, six miles northeast of Scottsboro. The document is sent to you at the request of William E. Garner, Esq., Scottsboro, Alabama, who is an intervenor in the proceedings relating to the licensing of the plant.

The draft environmental statement was prepared by the regulatory staff of the Atomic Energy Commission in accordance with the statement of general policy and procedure on implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as set out in Appendix D of the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Part 50. Comments are due by April 1, 1974, which is 45 days after publication in the Federal Register of the Notice of Availability of Statement.

If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

William D. Paton
Counsel for AEC Regulatory Staff

Enclosure (1)

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